Directorate General of Foreign Trade Pepsi Company has not been issued any import licence during 2000-2001 for import of plastic wastes.

In accordance with the public notice No. 392 (PN), 92—97 regarding procedure relating to import to plastic wasts/scrape dated 1st January, 1997, except for PET bottle scrap/waste, import of plastic waste is not permitted without a valid licence issued by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade.

National policy on Science and Technology

1171. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH:
SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are preparing a new National Policy on Science and Technology;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when the policy is likely to be announced;

(d) whether Government have decided to overhaul the functioning of various Scientific and research laboratories under Government in various parts of the country, including, CSIR; and

(e) if so, the reasons for undertkaing this exercise ahead of the announcement of the new policy and before the objectives and priorities are framed thereunder?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The policy is in its draft stage and is being discussed at the highest levels in the Government.

(d) No, Sir,

(e) Does not arise.